



May 20, 2022

Commissioner Deidre S. Gifford, MD, MPH  
Department of Social Services  
55 Farmington Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Commissioner Gifford:

LeadingAge Connecticut was copied on a letter sent to you from the CAHCF/CCAL and dated May 19, 2022.

In response to that letter, we would like to communicate our additional support for the CAHCF/CCAL request for the continuation of a temporary rate increase to address the dramatic inflationary increases in the price of food, fuel and supplies, as well as the rising costs of labor that will not be reflected in the July 1, 2022 rates. These rapidly rising costs associated with resident care are of grave concern throughout the aging services field. We respectfully request that the state continue to provide the temporary financial assistance needed to ensure the delivery of high-quality resident care.

In that LeadingAge Connecticut also has a great interest in the state's rebalancing efforts, we would request that LeadingAge Connecticut be included in any meetings held in follow up to the CAHCF/CCAL correspondence. While Matt's letter appears to be making that meeting request on our behalf, I believe his intent was not to speak for us, but rather to invite us into any scheduled meeting and I appreciate his including us through such an invitation.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter and I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mag Morelli".

Mag Morelli, President

CC: Matthew V. Barrett, President and CEO, CAHCF/CCAL  
Lisa Connolly, Chair, LeadingAge Connecticut Board of Directors